

NABI SALEH – RESTRICTIONS ON FREEDOM OF EXPRESSION AND ASSEMBLY AND VIOLATION OF OTHER HUMAN RIGHTS

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Dear Minister,

Nabi Saleh is located about 20 kilometers northwest of Ramallah in the occupied Palestinian territories. The village comprises about 284 hectares of agricultural land which of most parts have been taken over by the Israeli settlement Halamish. Halamish – also called Neve Tzuf – was erected in 1977 and is an illegal settlement according to international law.

Since 2009, the inhabitants of Nabi Saleh have carried out weekly protests against the military occupation of their land and the confiscation of their spring, which before had been used for agricultural purposes.

The Israeli army uses excessive and unnecessary force against the protesters by targeting them with live ammunition, rubber bullets, stun grenades and tear gas cartridges. Furthermore, they frequently declare the village a closed military zone, perform nightly raids or arbitrary arrest inhabitants – among them women, children and adolescents. These measures infringe UN-human rights conventions like the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights as well as the Universal Declaration of Human Rights.

THEREFORE WE URGE YOU TO:

- stop the arbitrary detentions of Palestinian activists;
- instruct the Israeli Defense Forces to stop the use of unnecessary and disproportionate violence against protesters;
- abolish Military Order No. 101 which restricts Palestinians to exert their right to freedom of expression and assembly;
- ensure that the discriminating practices which hinder the inhabitants of Nabi Saleh from accessing their water resources are brought to a halt.

Yours sincerely,

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